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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshiaki INOUE

Appln. No.: 09/775,615

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THRESHOLD ARRANGEMENT FOR GENERATING
GRADATION IMAGE, AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING GRADATION IMAGE DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Page 8, in the substitute specification please delete the 1st full paragraph, and
replace it with the following new paragraph:**

When a dot pattern for a certain gradation is determined, all the thresholds may be
determined in the order of increasing magnitudes for lower gradations and in the order of
decreasing magnitudes for higher gradations.

**Page 8, in the substitute specification please delete the 2nd first full paragraph, and
replace it with the following new paragraph:**

When the two dot patterns at a plurality of different gradations are determined, the
positions of thresholds between different gradations may be determined in the order of increasing

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